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This Week in Renton

Mayor Armando Pavone

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VIDEO

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. It is illegal in our state to use a cell phone while driving. But phones are just one distraction for drivers, along with eating, drinking, talking and adjusting music.

Renton police are using a grant from [targetzero.com](https://www.targetzero.com) to increase patrols during the month to help change behaviors.

Please [watch this safety video](#) with RPD Officer Matthew Nugent to see how you can do your part.

PHOTO



Renton Police Office Matthew Nugent received the department's Life Saving Medal from Chief Jon Schuldt (left) and Commander Daniel Fiaaro (right).

Officer Nugent receives department's Life Saving Medal

The certificate reads:

On December 2, 2020, you responded to a single vehicle accident. Upon arrival you found the driver suffering from cardiac arrest. You recognized this and began administering emergency care. Your quick response, recognition of the severity of the medical emergency, immediate actions, and effective use of CPR directly resulted in the saving of a life. For your extraordinary actions and providing life-saving efforts you are awarded the Renton Police Department's Life Saving Medal.

COVER STORY



Judge Jurado's wife Erica Brehm and his son Spencer joined him at Wednesday's retirement celebration. Other significant people in his life joined via Zoom.



Municipal Court Judge Terry Jurado hangs up his robe after 22 distinguished years

After more than 22 years on the Renton Municipal Court bench, Judge Terry L. Jurado is turning in his gavel for a fishing pole and his robe for waders.

Jurado, the city's longest-serving judge, officially retired after Wednesday's court session.

"I'm looking forward to retirement," he said, "but I'm not exactly sure what I'm going to do. But whatever it is, fishing will play a major part."

He's seen a lot in his time on the bench and credits introducing technology as the court's most significant change.

"I would get buckets of case files dropped on my desk, and we had a room full of filing cabinets," he explained while pointing to the ample space outside his office. "Now we can access state and federal law online, and I can make case notes on the docket instead of relying on the clerk. It makes us much more efficient."

That efficiency was vital as the court moved to all remote hearings because of COVID-19. Not only was the court able to continue to function, but they also discovered a silver lining within the pandemic, one that he sees continuing even after the courts reopen.

"We have seen an increase in the number of people attending hearings," Judge Jurado. "It's easier for a defendant as they don't have to leave their home. I thought it was incredible and can see it being continued."

This transition to all remote hearing was the strangest twist in the judge's career as a public servant, which started when he enlisted in the Air Force at 18. He went to Arizona State on the GI Bill, graduating in 1980 and then worked four years as an epidemiologist for the Centers for Disease Control.

"That was during the AIDS epidemic. I moved from Houston to Selma, Alabama, where I ran an AIDS/STD clinic. We treated patients and used contract tracing, much like we're doing now with COVID-19."

In 1984 he returned to Houston to go to law school. After a year, he transferred to the Pacific Northwest to be near his mother. Eventually, he graduated from the University of Puget Sound Law School. He interned with the King County Prosecutor's Office until passing the bar. He went to work for the prosecutor's office trying violent felonies and helped start the gang task force.

"Those prosecutions were very tough," he recalled. "After a few years, they asked me to move over to sexual assault cases. That's when I knew I'd had enough of the prosecutor's office."

Jurado moved to a civil law firm to conduct administrative hearings. It was there he made his first appearance on the bench as a pro tem judge. He eventually joined the Renton court in 1999.

"I tried to treat everyone, defendants and attorneys, fairly and with respect," he said when asked how he'd like to be remembered. "That's a big deal for me. Before handing down a sentence, I would always ask myself, 'Is what I'm doing with this defendant consistent with other defendants in similar situations?' "

"If you ask around, I think people will say I was consistent. Even the defendants."

His co-workers use "calm and confident" to describe him. They also mention his sense of humor (his LinkedIn profile features a mug shot of Mad Magazine's Alfred E. Newman) and love of music.

"He has a joke for everything," said fellow municipal court judge Kara Murphy Richards, who will succeed Judge Jurado as the court's presiding judge. "He's been a great friend and mentor who we will greatly miss."

"My humor is not planned. It just comes out," the judge says with a smile. "It helps keep things in perspective."

You can also call him a hero. In 2013 he was honored by the American Legion for performing life-saving CPR on a cardiac arrest victim while at a community baseball game.

He is a self-taught guitarist whose musical tastes run the entire spectrum from classical to grunge. "I'm especially fond of 90s rock," he said. "It was unique." His appreciation for that genre is traced to his son Damien, an accomplished singer and songwriter. Damien is one of the judge's nine children. He also has five grandchildren.

With Judge Murphy ascending to the role as presiding judge, the city has hired Judge Jessica Giner to fill the judicial vacancy. Judge Jurado has been instrumental in guiding their careers and is confident they will continue to maintain the court's reputation as one of the best in the state.

"Kara was very level-headed as a prosecutor, and that's why I invited her to pro tem. She's fair and compassionate and those are tremendous traits for our new [community court](#)."



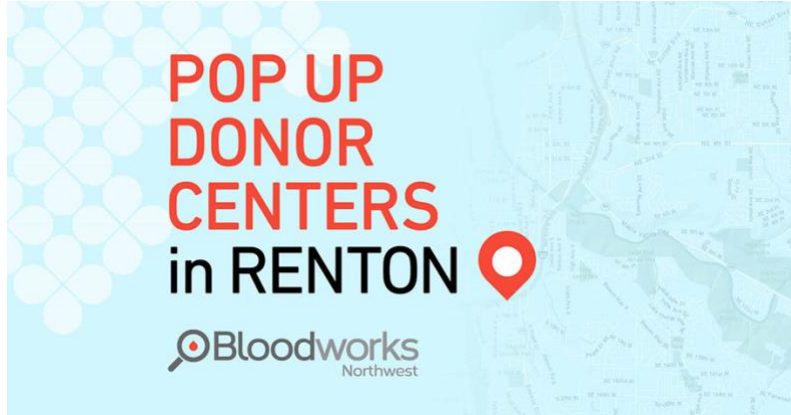
Judge Jessica Giner

Paycheck Protection Program loan deadline extended

The president has signed a bill extending the deadline for [Paycheck Protection Program](#) to May 31.

Our Economic Development staff has more [COVID-19 resources](#). If you have any questions about available grants/loans and your business's ability to get financial relief, please contact our [Business Response Team](#).

IN THE COMMUNITY



Donate blood and save a life

If you haven't already registered to give blood at one of the remaining [BloodworksNW](#) pop-up blood drives in Renton, please think about donating.

There are four opportunities in April, and appointments are being accepted.

Hyatt Regency Lake Washington at Southport Seattle Room

(1053 Lake Washington Blvd., 98056)

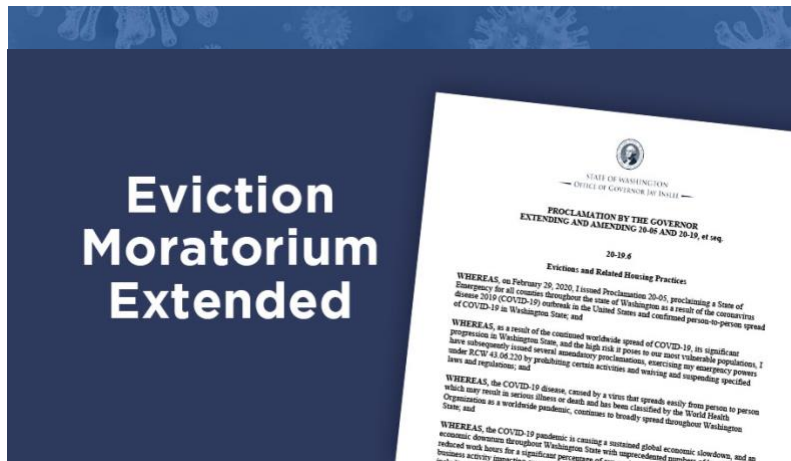
- April 7: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- April 8: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- [Appointments](#)

Lindbergh High School Cafeteria (16426 128th Ave SE, 98058)

- April 15: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- April 16: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- [Appointments](#)

Renton Technical College hosts a Blood Drive with Cascade Regional Blood Service on April 8 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the school's parking lot. There are [still times available](#).

COVID-19



Eviction moratorium extended

The governor announced that the statewide [eviction moratorium will be extended](#) through June 30, 2021. The moratorium was first put in place on [March 18, 2020](#), and is designed as vital protection for families struggling with the persistent economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Classroom social distancing option reduced to 3 feet

The governor announced he would sign an order giving schools the option to reduce social distancing in the classroom from six feet to three feet. This aligns with revised guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



Vaccine Update

Phase Finder, the state's online vaccine eligibility tool, is now no longer required to verify COVID-19 vaccine eligibility.

People who want a vaccine should now check the state Department of Health's [prioritization guidance webpage](#) to see when they are eligible. Those who are eligible can then use [Vaccine Locator](#) to find an appointment.

Vaccine Locator is available in 30 languages and will add seven more languages by the end of April. Those who have further questions or need help making an appointment can call the state's COVID-19 information hotline at 1-800-525-0127, then press #. Language assistance is available.

While Phase Finder is going away, the state's [vaccine phases](#) are staying the same. The state remains in Phase 1B2, and on March 31, vaccine eligibility was opened to people in Phase 1B tiers 3 and 4.

The governor announced that on [April 15](#) all adults will be eligible for vaccines. Public Health Seattle-King County's [target is to have at least 70% of adults](#) are fully vaccinated by July 31, 2021. To set expectations, it may be better to think that we will likely be fully vaccinated at some point between May – September. The mitigation strategies (mask wearing, social distancing, etc.) will be with us throughout this period, and beyond, until case numbers in the county are low enough.



County Executive proposes \$600 million American Rescue Plan budget

King County Executive Dow Constantine has [submitted a \\$600 million spending plan](#) to the County Council to address public health, community supports, jobs, and economic recovery. The proposal is funded in part by the American Rescue Plan.

The plan prioritizes the continuing public health response, increased vaccinations, community supports, anti-racist-work, and economic recovery that promotes access to jobs and housing supports.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



MLB Pitch, Hit & Run

The Pitch Hit & Run is the official skills competition of Major League Baseball. Leave it all on the field Saturday, April 10 at 2 p.m., in this FREE competition showcasing your baseball and softball skills. Boys and girls are divided into four age divisions (7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14) and have the chance to advance to T-Mobile Park or even the National Finals during MLB All-Star Week.

Due to social distancing requirements, participants must pre-register online for a time slot. Players and staff must wear a mask at ALL TIMES.

Register through mlb.com/pitch-hit-and-run.

Virtual Youth Dance Classes

Keep moving with our virtual classes until we're in person again. Classes run April 17 through May 15 and include offerings for ages 3 to 11. Register at rentonwa.gov/register. Type "dance" in the search box.

Nature Journaling Experience

Explore, experiment, and play at Coulon Beach Park with different written and artistic processes to capture our observations, thoughts, and feelings about nature. Art supplies are provided. Register at rentonwa.gov/register for either individual classes or a four-class series, which starts April 11.



“Keep Moving” Low-Impact Mobility & Strength

“Keep Moving” Age-Friendly Virtual Talk

Don't miss this interactive sneak peek of one of our upcoming classes! On Tuesday, April 13, at 2 p.m., Physical Therapist and Movement Specialist Dr. Anna Friedman, DPT, will discuss and demonstrate low-impact exercises and stretches. This "Keep Moving" low-impact mobility and strength course will help you move better and feel stronger.

Age-Friendly Renton Virtual Talks is a free virtual series with various topics. Register at rentonwa.gov/register with course 9497 and join online with Zoom. For help, call 425-430-6633. Talks take place on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 2 p.m.



Free multi-service event on April 9

[Renton Innovation Zone Partnership](#) continues its community support with its free drive-through multi-service event at [Campbell Hill Elementary](#), on Friday, April 9, from 3-5 p.m.

Baby supplies, household items, food boxes and frozen family meals will be available. There will be information for housing, medical and health insurance, childcare, preschool consultation and developmental screening, WIC and First Steps. Signups are also available for free laptops and rental assistance referrals, ORCA LIFT cards, and free academic and career trade training.

Social distancing guidelines will be strictly enforced as attendees will be asked to remain in their vehicles.

RECYCLE DAYS

MAY 15	JUNE 12	SEPT 18
<p>Metal & Styrofoam Collection</p> <p>SCRAP METAL & LARGE APPLIANCES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auto parts, lawn chairs, water heaters, lawn mowers, bikes, iron and steel - REMOVE all wheels and nonmetal parts - REMOVE oil and fluids from auto parts and mowers NO television sets or computers NO car chassis NO refrigerators, dishwashers or microwaves <p>STYROFOAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Styrofoam peanuts and bubble wrap Bagged packing peanuts accepted Clean white block styrofoam Look for #6 or EPS inside the recycle symbol 	<p>Mattress, Box Spring, Cardboard & Tire Collection</p> <p>MATTRESSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be dry and no excessive stains, no bed bugs and no blood stains -\$15.00 cash for each piece <p>CARDBOARD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be flattened <p>TIRES: CAR, PICKUP TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bias ply, steel belted and studded tires accepted Take tires off rims Limit 10 tires per load NO semi truck or tractor tires 	<p>Styrofoam & Document Shred Collection</p> <p>STYROFOAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Styrofoam peanuts and bubble wrap Bagged packing peanuts accepted Clean white block styrofoam Look for #6 or EPS inside the recycle symbol <p>DOCUMENTS FOR SHREDDING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring up to 5 Boxes (banker box size 12"x15"x10") or equivalent in bags. Paper, blueprints, mail, photographs, and file folders accepted No need to remove staples, paper clips or rubber bands NO binders, plastics or discs NO ID badges or driver's licenses NO cardboard or hard cover books 
<div> <div> <p>For all 2021 events</p> <p>Renton Technical College North Parking Lot NE 6th Place & Monroe Ave. NE Information 425-430-7398 rentonwa.gov/recycleevents</p> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We reserve the right to refuse oversized vehicles and/or unacceptable materials/items. </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles will only be allowed entry from southbound Monroe Ave. NE. No business waste accepted. </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These events are funded by the King County WRR Programs. Printed on 30% post-consumer recycled paper. </div> </div> <div>  <p>FOOD DONATIONS</p> <p>Help our Renton neighbors affected by the pandemic by bringing non-perishable food for the food bank.</p> </div>		

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CITY COUNCIL



Mayor Armondo Pavone (center front) is flanked by the 2021 Renton City Council. Ruth Pérez and Council President Randy Corman are seated in the front row. Standing: Valerie O'Halloran, Ed Prince, Council President Pro Tem Ryan McIrvn, Kim-Khánh Vñn, and Annelina Renedetti

The City Council did not meet on Monday, March 29. They will reconvene on Monday, April 5, at 7 p.m. Committee of the Whole will meet that evening at 6 p.m.

March 22, 2021 Meeting

- [Meeting documents](#) (approved committee reports, motion sheets, and council committee meeting calendar)
- [Proclamations](#): Education and Sharing Day. National Safe Place Week
- [Council meeting video](#)
- [Committee of the Whole video](#)
- [Approved Minutes](#) from March 15, 2021 meeting

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Renton City Council meets via Zoom. For information on viewing or participating in a council meeting, go to rentonwa.gov/council. Past meetings are available at rentonwa.gov/youtube.

CALENDAR

Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m. Senior Meals. Free, drive-thru sack lunch pick up. Limited quantities. [Renton Senior Activity Center](#).

Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sustainable Renton free drive-through grocery store at [St. Matthew's Lutheran Church](#).

Wednesdays, bi-weekly, 6 p.m. Renton Live! from the Renton Chamber of Commerce. Online connection promoting businesses, nonprofits and activities within the greater Renton community. Find the link on the Renton Live [Facebook page](#).

Library resources and events, ongoing. Filter by event, program, and location. kcls.org

April 7-8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Pop-Up Blood Drive, [Hyatt Regency Lake Washington at Southport](#)

April 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Pop-Up Blood Drive, [Lindbergh High School](#)

April 16, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Pop-Up Blood Drive, [Lindbergh High School](#)

April 24, 9 a.m. -12 p.m. Shred-a-thon & Prescription Take-Back